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Raised H.B. No. 5149 Session Year 2018

## AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES.

Dear Public Health,

My name is Shatona Harrison. I am a BSW student who attends Southern Connecticut State University. I am writing to you in regards to the bill Raised H.B. No. 5149
Session Year 2018; An Act Concerning Sober Living Homes. If this bill becomes a law this will benefit the people and allow them opportunity to become effective members of society. Acceptance is the hardest task for an individual to admit when they are being faced with addictions such as drug or alcohol. This is a big step in initiating change work within the individual whom is suffering. Providing a supportive environment may allow these individuals the chance to gain a better confidence and also receive recognition from the community and other programs within , that may assist them with this life changing encounter. Being that we are living in a time where opioids are affecting and taking the lives of our loved ones, it is time that we take action and provide the treatments and required trainings that are needed to help assist these particular individuals who are in need.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter Raised H.B. No. 5149 Session Year 2018, it is greatly appreciated.